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Love/hate the face in the window where
in some castle, carriage, coach-led fanfare
hidden behind a violet square:
a princess held aloft by the air.

These days are mad, bad, dangerous to know.
Keep close the ring with the eye of the crow.
Watch the dark woods, watch the bright road.
All these secrets pile up like snow.

Will your yard contain a wishing well?
Brambled roses? Fairy bells?
The pea will never kiss and tell.
Fantasy beds make their own fresh hell.

Love/hate the stating of the obvious.
Get on board with the omnibus.
You'll grow up a girl, the kind one can trust.
Set your course by stars for us.

Trussed by a canopy, felled from a tree,
the bough is broke by each girl baby.
The song I've sung is simple and creepy:
the stories have axes. Cut yourself free.

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